

and thus are willing to accept the grind of being a member of the Mater Dei High School Football program. On behalf of the entire community, and with Honor-Glory-Love, we humbly say, 'Thank You Coach!'

PATRICK MURPHY—FORMER PRESIDENT, PRINCIPAL & ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL (1990–2020)

It was my tremendous honor and privilege to work alongside Mater Dei High School Football Coach Bruce Rollinson for 30 years. Bruce enjoyed unprecedented success on the football field but more importantly Coach Rollo positively touched and influenced the lives of countless Monarchs off the field in so many profound ways. Bruce Rollinson impacted thousands of young men and women, in the classroom, on the athletic fields and through his philanthropic outreach efforts for almost 5 decades at Mater Dei High School. Bruce's faith, passion, enthusiasm and commitment to Catholic Education and to his beloved alma mater are unmatched. The positive impact that Coach Rollo had on growth and development of MDHS will be felt for decades to come and I am blessed to have been able to call Bruce Rollinson my friend for 3 decades. Bruce, congratulations on an amazing and unparalleled career of incredible success, influential impact and caring outreach as an educator and coach. You truly are One of a Kind and Mater Dei High School has been blessed with your presence for almost 50 years. All my very best to you, Laurie, your beautiful daughters and your wonderful grandchildren. Take care and God Bless, my friend.

KEVIN TURNER

I will preface by noting I have had the honor to work as a broadcaster in Southern California covering high school, college and professional sports for 30 years. What I have always found remarkable about the coach was his God-given ability to communicate and teach not just football but what it takes to champion life skills that extend well beyond the gridiron. The coach always talks about his former players, not the ones that are NFL stars, Heisman trophy winners, or olympians, but the young men and women who run companies, fighting fires, practicing law, policing our streets or serving our country. The everyday heroes is what coach wanted the most for his players and support staff. Coach mastered and executed his plan everyday and did it with passion. He provided a platform and a place in what I believe is what this country needs more than anything—an opportunity, that's it. He had a famous saying you provide the effort God will provide the outcome. Simple formula, all through structure and discipline using tough love, faith-based principles and a belief that through hard work and dedication dreams can come true. God bless America and Bruce Rollinson.

TIM STRADER, JR.

Coach Bruce Rollinson is way more than just a football coach. From teaching me U.S. History 40 years ago to coaching both of my sons at Mater Dei, Bruce has had a positive impact on multiple generations in Southern California. While his accomplishments on the field speak for itself, it is his way of turning raw young athletes into respectful, faith-filled young men that has set him apart. I congratulate him on an incredible career and his recognition by the United States House of Representatives is well deserved. Sincerely, Tim Strader, Jr.

JOSH HIGGINS

It's been a great privilege to both play for Coach Rollinson then get to stand by his side as a coach for so many years. The effect he has had on me is one that is shared by hundreds of his former players over the past 34 years as Mater Dei's Head Coach.

Coach Rollinson is foremost a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He has led by example, especially when it comes to family. His players proudly bring their families back year after year to visit him and introduce their young families to the man who help build them into who they have become.

A true leader and builder of men, one of the very few men I have known who could both yell and challenge you without you ever thinking he didn't absolutely care and love you. His tremendous ability to command and lead was by continually demanding high expectations while knowing he put you in a position to succeed.

Coach Rollinson always preached to parents to never make excuses for their boys and for his players to always respect their parents.

He taught us to honor our country and the men and women in the military who keep us safe.

The legacy Coach Rollinson has achieved will endure for generations. His fingerprints will remain on Mater Dei High School in addition to the thousands of souls he has taught, led, and guided to be successful people throughout life.

Mr. WOMACK. In October, Coach Bruce Rollinson coached his last game after 34 years of distinguished service. The sport has said good-bye to a legend.

Today, here on the floor of the people's House, you have heard of the remarkable accomplishments of this dedicated coaching professional.

I want the country to know what the hundreds of young men who have worn the Mater Dei Monarch colors already know, that Rollo is not just a coach, he is a great man.

From all of us, for my colleagues who have spoken here today, for sports fans across America who love and appreciate excellence in coaching, we offer our congratulations to Bruce Rollinson from his players, his coaches, his friends, and his family.

Enjoy a well-earned retirement. Go, Monarchs.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

EMANCIPATION HALL SYMBOLIZES FREEDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise. I rise as a proud American—I love my country—but I also rise as a proud, liberated Democrat.

I rise, Mr. Speaker, as a person who is proud of his heritage. I am the proud descendant, Mr. Speaker, of the enslaved people whose hands helped to construct the Capitol itself. I am proud of my history, and because I am proud of my history, I think that many people would agree that the topic I will embrace today is most appropriate.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be here today to speak on a resolution that passed this House today. I thank the leadership for allowing the resolution to come to the floor. I am especially

proud of the fact that when the resolution came to the floor, all who voted, voted for the resolution. There were no nays, Mr. Speaker. One hundred percent of those voting, over 400—405 to be exact—voted for this resolution. I am proud to be one of the 405 who voted 'yes' for this resolution.

I didn't have an opportunity to speak on the resolution when it was presented on the floor of the House. I was not available at the time here in Washington, D.C., and not aware of the exact time that it was going to be heard, but I knew that there would be another opportunity for me.

Today, I take advantage of the opportunity afforded me, grateful I am to those who have afforded me the opportunity to speak on H. Con. Res. 25, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust.

I thank those who brought this resolution to the attention of the Congress: Representatives KUSTOFF, SCHNEIDER, MAX MILLER, and LANDSMAN. I thank all of them for bringing this resolution to the attention of the Members so that we would have an opportunity to express our desire to see this resolution come to fruition; a resolution, Mr. Speaker, that would commemorate the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust.

Mr. Speaker, in all of history there is no event comparable to the Holocaust. It is one of the greatest crimes ever committed against humanity. This is not to say that there are not other crimes against humanity that were committed. This is to say that this one is unlike any other.

I am proud of the way our country has recognized the need for remembrance of the Holocaust. I am proud because I have friends that I have spoken to who are Jewish, and my friends have explained to me some of the things that you don't read in books about the atrocities associated with the Holocaust.

When I last spoke to my friend David Mintzberg about his father and mother, who were survivors of the Holocaust, he and I both had tears well in our eyes as he presented the story to me.

He explained to me, Mr. Speaker, how his mother, Edith, was on a train, how through some quirk of fate they stopped the train, and people were told to just run, run; and they ran for their lives. They ran for their lives. It was about 2 to 3 a.m. They ran and they ran and they ran.

They didn't just run that night. They didn't just run for the next week. They didn't just run for days. They didn't just run for months. They ran for years, surviving as best as they could. It hurts my heart to go through the recounting of what was said to me, but it is important for people to understand why remembrance is important.

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His father, Joseph, at 16, 17 years of age, was on a train on its way to one of

the death camps. When persons on the train were able to pry open bars so that he could slip through, he did.

He ran. He didn't run for days or weeks. He ran through the snow. He ran for years, approximately 5 years on the run, his life hanging in the balance.

The story, as told, calls me to understand more how precious the lives of people can be in times of peril when there is seemingly no way out.

Along life's way, for many of them, there were persons known as righteous gentiles. His father is said to have had an encounter with such a person.

These righteous gentiles, by the way, have been recognized for what they did to rescue persons during this time of great peril—righteous gentiles, righteous people who understood that lives were hanging in the balance.

I have been to Yad Vashem. It is my understanding that Yad Vashem has a special place for the recognition of righteous gentiles.

His father ran. His mother ran. They survived. The unfortunate thing is not all did, and many, many millions did not.

We want to remember those who did not. This is a time for remembrance. Remembrance is the honorable thing to do. It is the thing that we ought to do, as we are doing it on an annual basis, so that never again will we face the horrors of the Holocaust.

I am proud to say that if this resolution passes the Senate, then my hope and belief is that, in the visitor center, there will be the opportunity for us to have some of those survivors appear. Hopefully, if it is God's will, we may hear a story from someone who actually survived.

The history that we can record based upon those who are with us and who can share that history is fading. We need to do all that we can to capture as much of it as fast as we can.

So, I am proud. I plan to be in the visitor center. The visitor center is a place, a special place, where this kind of event should take place.

Events that commemorate the lives lost ought to take place in our visitor center. This belongs to the public.

Lives lost ought to be commemorated in such a facility because it is within a dome. There is space there, a huge space.

The dome is adjacent to it, not quite there but nearby. In that center is a replica of the statue that sits atop the dome of the Capitol. The statue is one that I have great reverence for, the Statue of Freedom. This Statue of Freedom was sculpted by Thomas Crawford, and it sits atop the Capitol dome 288 feet high, 96 feet in diameter.

The replica is there in the visitor center, a symbol of freedom, a symbol of freedom so that the world will know what we stand for in this country. We stand for freedom. We stand for liberty and justice for all.

Yes, I agree with those who would say that we still have much work to do. Yes, we do, and I plan to be a part of

doing that work, but that doesn't mean that I am not going to recognize the work that has been done.

Many lives have been sacrificed so that we could be at this point in our history. I am proud of the work that has been done, but I am also proud to say that that work affords us the opportunity to be there with this replica of the Statue of Freedom, right there in the visitor center, for a day of remembrance.

I am going to invite friends, to the extent that we have space available for me to do so, to come and be a part of this.

This is a time that all Americans ought to come together. This is a time for us to acknowledge that the world has not always been kind to people; that those who are survivors ought to be respected; and that those who did not survive, their lives ought to be commemorated.

H. Con. Res. 25, I am proud to have voted for it, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of this House, and I thank all the Members who cast their votes and those who made it possible for the votes to be cast. I pray that the God that I worship will stand with us and never allow such an atrocity to visit us again.

I also know that the hands of people created the Holocaust, and it will take the hands of people to prevent it from ever happening again.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

RECOGNIZING BARTRAM TRAILS HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. RUTHERFORD) for 30 minutes.

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. John's County's Bartram Trails High School girls' soccer team for completing a remarkable 2022-2023 soccer season.

Last month, the team won their third Class 7A Florida High School Athletic Association title in just 4 years, earning them a spot at number one in the Nation.

Under Coach Jen Rodriguez' guidance, seniors Olivia Bori, Sophia Magdalein, and Reese Henley scored the winning goals in their final game and secured Bartram Trails' place as northeast Florida's first public school to finish unbeaten in girls' soccer.

This impressive record is a testament to the discipline, focus, and skill the team has demonstrated on the soccer field throughout their season.

I look forward to following along as they set new goals and break new records.

Mr. Speaker, all I have to say now is: Go Bears.

RECOGNIZING BILL ROGERS

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bill Rogers. Bill has dedicated his life and creativity to developing safety equipment for some of our Nation's most highly skilled military and law enforcement elite tactical teams.

It all began in 1969 when Bill became the youngest candidate to be selected for the FBI Academy. After losing his handgun during a pursuit, Bill decided to craft his own holster, a product which he later named the Kydex Holster.

In 1973, he presented the holster to the FBI, and the agency went on to buy Kydex Holsters and integrate them for their agencywide use.

With his newfound success, Bill Rogers began the Rogers Holster Company and developed Rogers Shooting School to begin teaching gun use and safety skills.

In the 1970s and 1980s, Bill began working with the Department of Defense. He was training Navy SEALs, developing new styles of safety holsters, and accepting shooting school contracts from special operations units within the U.S. military and many international units. Many of these units continue to operate here today.

In 1980, Bill Rogers sold Rogers Holster Company to Safariland, which is a U.S.-based safety equipment manufacturer and actually helped create Team Safariland, the first professional team in action shooting sports.

Bill continued to expand his business by developing a series of competition holsters specifically designed for sporting use.

I met Bill in the late 1980s when I was the training commander for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office as we were transitioning from wheel guns over to semiautomatic pistols. It was during that time that I asked Bill if he could help us to develop a holster with a locking mechanism, a retention holster.

Little did I know what would come of that, but I was struck by his humility in the face of such success and his ability to innovate firearm safety and training.

What I didn't know was that while Bill was developing this retention holster for the Jacksonville Sheriff's officers, he was simultaneously being commissioned by the U.S. Navy to train classes of Navy SEALs.

In 2017, Bill went on to contract with all five military branches, an incredible achievement and act of service to our Nation.

Hundreds of recruits have been skillfully trained and protected under his guidance. His security holsters and training methods have also saved countless law enforcement officers from one of the most common events an officer ever experiences on the job, and that is a perpetrator trying to take control of their gun.